

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of May 21, 2003, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Figure 1 is objected to because the spacers should be labeled "4c."

The Examiner requires a new title of the invention.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 1-16 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In connection with the objection to Figure 1, Applicant has enclosed herewith a new Figure 1 with the label for the spacers corrected to be -- 4c --.

In view of this submission, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to Figure 1 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Concerning a new title, Applicant has canceled the original title and presented a new title which is believed to be more clearly indicative of the claimed invention.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify which cross-section and surface are being referred to. In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Also it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome and should be withdrawn.

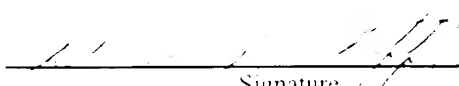
In view of the Examiner's indication that claims 1-16 would be allowable if the claims are amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

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